

Minutes of the meeting of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board Room on October 6, 2006.

**Board Members Attending:**

Mr. Brian MacMaster, Chair, Representing  
Attorney General G. Steven Rowe  
Sheriff Lloyd Herrick  
Mr. Wesley Andrenyak, Secretary  
Representing Commissioner Martin Magnusson  
Colonel Craig Poulin  
Chief Jerry Hinton  
Ms. Janet Richards, Representing Commissioner Michael Cantara  
Sergeant Mark Warren, Representing Colonel Thomas Santaguida  
Ms. Lois Reckitt  
Deputy Chief Amy Berry  
Ms. Roberta Tibbetts  
Ms. Linda Smithers  
Sergeant Travis Roy  
Mr. James Ferland  
Ms. Lisa Webster

**Board Members Absent**

Mr. Richard Harburger  
Mr. Richard Davis  
Mr. Laurel Daigle

**Participants**

Mr. John Rogers, Director  
Mr. Alan Hammond, Assistant Director  
Ms. Debra Andrews, Training Coordinator  
Mr. Jim Lyman, Training Coordinator  
Mr. Eric Parker, Training Coordinator  
Ms. Lauren Meservie, Training Coordinator  
Lieutenant William Snedeker, Maine State Police  
Lieutenant David Alexander, Ogunquit Police Department  
Officer Matthew B. Begin, Ogunquit Police Department  
Trooper Corey A. Smith, Maine State Police  
Trooper Ronald L. Turnick, Maine State Police  
Chief Michael Poulin, Milo Police Department  
Officer Terry M. Smith, Milo Police Department  
Chief Noel C. March, University of Maine Police Department  
Officer Edward W. Lesky, University of Maine Police Department  
Chief Jonathan Tibbetts, Oxford Police Department  
Mr. Nathaniel Sparling

**Item One on the Agenda: Call to Order**

Chair MacMaster called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

**Item Two on the Agenda: Roll Call**

Chair MacMaster asked the Board Clerk to conduct a roll call.

Chair MacMaster noted a quorum was present.

**Item Three on the Agenda: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Ferland moved and Ms. Smithers seconded.

**MOTION: To accept the minutes of the September 8, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting as presented and to be placed on file.**

Motion Carried.

**Item Four on the Agenda: Certifications**

**A. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waivers**

Mr. Hammond presented a request for a waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Edward M. Lesky of the University of Maine Police Department.

Sergeant Roy moved and Sheriff Herrick seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Edward M. Lesky of the University of Maine Police Department and grant him an extension of 30 days to successfully complete the Law Enforcement Officers Certification Examination.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hammond presented a request for a waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Terry Smith of the Milo Police Department.

Colonel Poulin mover and Mr. Andrenyak seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Terry Smith of the Milo Police Department as presented.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hammond presented a request for a waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Trooper Corey A. Smith of the Maine State Police.

Chief Hinton moved and Mr. Andrenyak seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Trooper Corey A. Smith of the Maine State Police as presented.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hammond presented a request for a waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Trooper Ronald Turnick of the Maine State Police.

Ms. Reckitt moved and Mr. Ferland seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the waiver of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Trooper Ronald Turnick of the Maine State Police as presented.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried.

**B. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Extensions:**

Mr. Hammond presented a request for an extension for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Matthew Begin of the Ogunquit Police Department.

Mr. Ferland moved and Sheriff Herrick seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the extension to January 22, 2007 for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program for Officer Matthew Begin of the Ogunquit Police Department.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried

**C. Law Enforcement Intermediate Officer Certification**

Mr. Parker presented a request for Intermediate Officer Certification for Officers Edward H. Hastings IV and Mary Pratt of the Farmington Police Department.

Ms. Tibbetts moved and Deputy Chief Berry seconded.

**MOTION: To approve Intermediate officer Certification for Officers Edward H. Hastings IV and Mary Pratt of the Farmington Police Department as presented.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion Carried.

**D. Law Enforcement Advanced Officer Certification**

Mr. Parker presented the request for the Advanced Officer Certification for Officer Peter Barton of the Farmington Police Department

Mr. Andrenyak moved and Deputy Chief Berry seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the Advanced Officer Certification for Officer Peter Barton of the Farmington Police Department as presented.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried.

**E. Canine Handler Team Certification**

Mr. Parker presented a request for Canine Handler Team Certification for the following canine teams:

Officer Shawn C. Willey and Canine Vegas, Ellsworth Police Department  
Deputy James Roy and Canine Duke, Penobscot County Sheriffs Office

Mr. Ferland moved and Sergeant Roy seconded.

**MOTION: To approve the Canine Handler Team Certifications as presented.**

Motion carried.

**Item Five on the Agenda:      Criminal Convictions and Waiver Requests**

Chair MacMaster presented the request for a waiver of a conviction for Nathaniel Sparling at the request of the Oxford Police Department. Mr. Sparling and Chief Jonathan Tibbetts from the Oxford Police Department were present. Mr. Sparling is seeking a waiver for a conviction for “Theft by Deception.”

Sheriff Herrick moved and Mr. Andrenyak seconded.

**MOTION:      To approve a waiver of the conviction of “Theft by Deception” to allow Mr. Sparling to attend the Academy.**

A discussion ensued.

A roll-call vote was taken. The motion failed 11-2.

**Item Six on the Agenda:      Complaint Committee Report**

Ms. Smithers informed the Board that the Committee had nothing to report.

**Item Seven on the Agenda:      Committee Reports**

*Administrative Rules Committee*

Deputy Chief Berry advised the Board that the Committee had nothing to present at this time.

**Item Eight on the Agenda:      Reports from the Board Chairman**

Chair MacMaster informed the Board that the State Police would be completing their post school on October 13, 2006 and would hold a completion ceremony at the Academy at 12:15 pm.

**Item Nine on the Agenda:      Reports from the Director**

**1.    General Items:**

- We are still progressing with BGS on the parking lot issues. The committee met again and is now looking at a possible option of a parking lot between the parade grounds and the septic field with a berm of hedges blocking the view of the parking lot. It should accommodate another 25-40 vehicles.
- We have offered the vacant Training Coordinators position to Debra Andrews who comes highly recommended as the Long Creek Juvenile facility training coordinator. She will start on 10/16/2006.
- We are working the DPS Personnel to get the 2 vacant clerical positions filled. Interviews have been done and we hope to have those positions filled soon. Until the positions are filled, her workload will temporally be divided up amongst almost the entire MCJA staff and a Gail Tibbetts our temporary clerical worker.
- I’m very proud to say that Eric Parker is the “DPS Employee of the Year.” He was honored last week along with 22 other State workers at a Blaine House tea with Governor Baldacci and Commissioner Cantara gave Eric a plaque at out annual picnic. Eric was selected for all the work he has done on the Basic Corrections Officer Training Program with a Job and Task Analysis. MCJA was awarded grant through the National Institute of Corrections to help with us on this project. He has also bought the Canine Program around and volunteered many hours on different projects on the MCJA grounds.

**2.    Basis Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP):**

- The 11<sup>th</sup> BLETP is going well. We have completed 2 out of the 3 range weeks and all have passed their firearms and EVOC graduation standard so far.
- I’ve started the process at looking into the 12<sup>th</sup> BLETP in terms of possible Cadre and class members. We have 64 names and John Doe slots to date.

### **3. MCJA Budget Issues:**

- There is nothing more to report at this time, but I will keep you informed as it unveils.

### **4. Other Issues:**

- On 8/31/2006 we started the first teleconference presentation of the Law Enforcement Pre-Service (LEPS) program. There are 15 students at 8 different locations around the state. It has been a lot of work of Jim Lyman, but it is moving along. We will be doing a critical review to see where we can improve in the delivery the next time we offer the program on ITV.
- I presented to the Maine Chiefs of Police Association the revised mandatory policies reflecting the Board of Trustees mandatory standard changes voted on last April. I intend to make the same presentation to the Maine Sheriffs on the changes in October.
- We hope to have our new MCJA website up and running by the end of October. It will be ADA compliant and in the required state format. We will be having a FAQ page and a job-posting page for law enforcement, corrections and communication openings.
- We have received the first 2 HR-218 applications under the new Specification that the Board just voted in. This is on the federal right to carry a concealed weapon nationally.
- On Friday October 13, 2006 at 1215 the State Police will be having their swearing in ceremony for their SP Post School.
- Sen. Chandler Woodcock took a tour of this facility last week and was impressed at the facility and how efficient all the training operations, E-911 and Computer Crimes Task Force was run. He appeared to be a supported of our mission.

### **Item Ten on the Agenda: Old Business**

None at this time.

### **Item Eleven on the Agenda: New Business**

Chair MacMaster presented a request to the Board to increase the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program “reimbursement of training costs” amount 4.5%. This reimbursement increase reflects the consumer price index for 2006.

Mr. Ferland moved and Chief Hinton seconded.

**MOTION: To increase the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program “reimbursement of training costs” amount by 4.5% as presented to be effective January 1, 2007.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion carried

Chief Hinton informed the Board of a potential issue of whether citizenship is required for the employment of law enforcement officers by municipalities in Maine. According to Chief Hinton, the Town of Brunswick’s attorney has informed him that Title 30-A M.R.S.A. requires law enforcement officers to be U.S. citizens yet the Board certifies persons as law enforcement officers who are not citizens. He is asking that the Board seek advice from the Attorney General’s Office for clarification.

Mr. Ferland moved and Mr. Andrenyak seconded

**MOTION: To ask the Attorney General’s Office for an opinion, for the Board of Trustees, whether state law requires Maine law enforcement officers to be United States citizens.**

A discussion ensued.

Motion Carried.

Colonel Poulin brought to the Board's attention his agency's frustration related to its inability to bring disqualifying criminal conduct to the attention of a currently serving law enforcement officer's employer when it comes to the attention of the State Police during the hiring process.

Mr. Ferland informed the Board that former Board member Charles Jackson recently had a heart attack but is now at home.

**Item Twelve on the Agenda: Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting of October 6, 2006.**

Motion carried.

Chair MacMaster adjourned the meeting at 11:46. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.

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WESLEY ANDRENYAK, Secretary